

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 13, 2014

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on January 30, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending February 6, 2014 in the amount of \$ 274,814.17 and February 12, 2014 in the amount of \$ 264,738.51 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of January 30 – February 12, 2014
- Report from the Building Inspector's February 11, 2014
- Report of the Work Session of the Common Council held on February 6, 2014

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending February 6, 2014 in the amount of \$ 251,297.62 and February 13, 2014 in the amount of \$577,544.55 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Tim McCormick from First Weekends wanted to thank the Council for considering their request for closure of the street for their events this coming year.

Diane Wardell spoke on behalf of Plattsburgh Acquiring Safe Streets thanked the Council for their consideration of the feasibility studies.

Councilor Kretser thanked her for their hard work in preparing and doing all the fact finding to make our jobs a lot easier.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. Introduced: Local Law P-1 of 2014: Amending Chapter §270 of the City Code concerning special permitted uses in Industrial Zones.

By Mayor Calnon

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Master Agreement for the "Saranac River Trail." Contract D034636, PIN 7805.88

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for the "South Catherine Street

Reconstruction.” Contract D032301, PIN 775314

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for “Tyrell Avenue Roadway Improvements, South Peru Street to Sharron Avenue.” Contract # 2014-05

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2014 General Fund Budget through a transfer of \$17,258.41 from Contingency contract services to Community Development contract services as per the attached memo. The transfer will not change the total 2014 budget.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for “Reconstruction of New York Route 22 South Catherine Street, South Platt Street to South Peru Street.” Contract # 2014-07

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion:

Councilor Kelly said just so happy this is finally happening.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Engineering Consultant Agreement with Stantec for “Traffic Feasibility Study for North Margaret Street, Boynton Avenue – Cumberland Head Road.” Contract # 2014-06

Motion to table:

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

H. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER TO NICOLAS MOORE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2014 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 78 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER TO JOSHUA GOLDEN EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2014 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 78 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Joseph McMahon, Ken Primard, Kyle Burdo and Claude Bouchard to attend the “Annual Northern Adirondack Code Officials Education Conference” in Lake Placid, NY from March 3-6, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$1,384. This education conference provides mandatory training hours to retain Code Enforcement Certification.

By Councilor O’Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from First Weekends to close City Hall Place from noon to 9pm on the following Saturday's in 2014: April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th and November 8th.
2. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one police officer to attend the "Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Committee Annual Conference" in Albany, NY from April 7 – 9, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$390.50 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund (Training expenses).
3. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for four police officers to attend the "NYS Tactical Officers Association 2014 Tactical Training Conference and Expo" in Verona, NY from April 28 – May 1, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$2608.16 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund (Training expenses).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Kasper said they are looking for an intern and we have that process in place now and I don't know where we stand in terms of the legal issue.

Mayor Calnon will double check that in the morning.

Mayor Calnon read and submitted City Clerk Keith Herkalo's retirement letter. Keith has been an amazing city employee. He has been a marvelous city clerk and has really set a very high standard. I really want to thank you very much for all you've done and look forward to all you are going to continue to do obviously in the community.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:44pm